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**MAILS EXPECTED.**

THE PERREN MAIL.  
The M. M. steamer *Yangtze*, with the London mail of the 25th February, left Suifu at 4 p.m. on the 29th March, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd April.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
The P. & O. steamer *Bahava*, with the English mail of the 4th March, left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 30th March, and may be expected here on or about the 5th instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.  
The E. & A. steamer *Airle*, with the Australian mail left Port Darwin on the 26th March, and may be expected here on or about the 5th April.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American mail of the 6th March, left Yokohama on the 31st March, and may be expected here on or about the 8th April.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.  
The Union Line steamer *Antonic* left Singapore on the 26th March, and is due here on the 3rd April.  
The O. S. S. Co. steamer *Ajwa* left Singapore on the morning of the 30th March, and is due

here on the 5th April.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Medius* left Singapore on the morning of the 3rd last March, and is due here on the 7th April.

The Shire Line steamer *Pentachelone* left Singapore on the 1st, and is due here on the 7th instant.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

When Correspondence has been mis-sent or delayed (of which are likely to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to write on the *envelope*, *Sent to —*, or *Received at —* p.m., or at the case may be, and forward it without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster-General. This should be done as soon as the mistake is discovered, and it is not a mistake to take such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

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**LOCAL DELIVERY.**—No delivery is attempted on board Ship, at the Peak, Kowloon, Aberdeen &c., nor at any private house (even though

The Postal Guide for 1888, revised to date, will be found in the *Daily Press Directory*, p. 385, large edition, p. 701 small edition. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

✽ The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Hobeo and Bangkok. — *Per P. C. Cho Kiao*, to-day, the 2nd inst, at 2.30 A.M.

For Saigon. — *Per Nungchow*, to-day, the 2nd inst, at 2.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui, and Taiwan. — *Per Formosa*, to-day, the 2nd inst, at 2.00 P.M.

For Straits Settlements. — *Per Glenagor*, to-day, the 4th inst, at 4.00 P.M.

For Hongkong. — *Per Gayley*, to-day, the 4th inst, at 4.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama. — *Per Thiet*, on Thursday, the 7th inst, at 5.00 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET**  
The German Contract Packet *Bayera* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 18th April, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries in the Mediterranean, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Cayoa, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, &c., &c.  
The hours observed in closing the Mails &c. will be the same as in the case of the French Packet.

Correspondence should be marked *Per German Mail*, or by the name of the Packet.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for loss or damage to letters, parcels, &c., sent by Coin, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries in alleged losses of such letters.

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS**  
THE ENGLISH MAIL  
The following hours are observed in closing the Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet—  
*Day of Departure*  
NOON.—Money, &c., at the Office closes.  
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns closes.

3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
3.10 P.M.—Mails may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until  
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the  
packet with late fee of 10 cents, until  
time of departure.

THE FREIGHT AND GERMAN MAILS.

7 A.M.—Before Departure.

9 P.M.—Money Order Office closes. German  
Mail 4 P.M.—Post Office closes, except the  
night box which is always open out of office  
hours.

Day of Departure.

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting  
all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
11.15 A.M.—Mails may be posted with Late Fee of  
10 cents until

11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board  
the packet, with Late Fee of 10 cents until  
time of departure.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

(1.) Letters from U. S. Army or Navy to  
non-commissioned Officers, Bandmasters, School

(2) The letters must be addressed to the following:-  
 Masters (not Superintendent or First Class)  
 Writers, or School-mistresses may send by  
 postage letters to the United Kingdom by the  
 East India Mail, at the rate of two pence (or  
 penny each, or by the French Mail at the rate of  
 four pence (two pence) each. The postage  
 must be prepaid in Hongkong Stamps  
 and must be placed on the outside of the letter  
 such as India, Malta, &c., the postage is 2 pence  
 one penny).

(3) The same privilege applies to letters sent  
 addressed to the Private and Non-communication  
 Officers named above.

(4) The letters must not exceed half an ounce  
 and must be enclosed in a Sold or Sailor's  
 Handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be so  
 sent with the ends open.

(5) The letters must be addressed to the  
 description must be stated in full on the  
 cover of which must be signed by the commanding  
 Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c.,  
 and the Sold or Sailor's name, place, and  
 description with name of regiment, ship, &c., must  
 be stated in full.

(6) Soldiers and Sailors have no privilege  
 with regard to books or papers.

(7) The following are the Assistant Engineers,  
 Quarter Masters, and Carpenters.

**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFT**

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS, will be RESPONSIBLE for a DEFT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong harbor:-

BILLY SIMPSON, Brit. bk., Brown - Master, CHABON WATTANA, Siam, bk., Uthoh - Chief, COLOKA, Amst. bk., Noya - Molodera - Co. J. T. TENNEY, Amst. ship, White - Wm. LEGB, J. A. DAWSON, Ger. bk., Rothbart - Order, HATHIN, CAPTAIN, Brit. bk., Pala - Chinese, HEINRICHS, Ger. bk., Banaan - Carlowitz & Co. J. H. BOWERS, Amst. bk., Plum - Gonsales & Co.

MARYANN, Brit. bk., Paulsen - E. L. Schellhaas & Co.

MARK STUART, Brit. bk., Thompson - Master, PORT AUGUSTA, Brit. ship, Hogg - Adams & Bell & Co.

PROSPERO, Brit. str., Hesley - Arnold, Kaberg & Co.

VERSIAN, Brit. str., Stephens - Arnold, Kaberg & Co.

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